

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 01/29/2008
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. In view of the amended claims, Claims 1-6 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: 1-6.

With respect to claim 1, the prior art of record fails to disclose singly or in combination or render obvious that comprising: light emission means, which has the push button lighted up at the time of light emission; opening/closing detection means, which detects whether or not the upper side housing and the lower side housing are opened at a predetermined angle or more; and control means, which turns on the light emission means to have the push button lighted up when the opening/closing detection means detected a "closing" state at the time that there is an incoming call, and turns off the light emission means when it detected an "opening" state wherein the control means starts a talk at the time that there is an incoming call and the housing is changed from "closing" to "opening".

With respect to claim 2, the prior art of record fails to disclose singly or in combination or render obvious that comprising: first light emission means, which makes the push button lighted up at the time of light emission; a talk key, which starts a talk when the talk key is depressed in ease that the hinge mechanism is opened; second light emission means, which makes the talk key lighted up at the time of light emission; opening/closing detection means, which detects whether or not the upper side housing and the lower side housing are opened at a predetermined angle or more; and control means, which turns on the first light emission means to have the push button lighted up and turns off the second light emission means when the opening/closing detection means detected a "closing" state at the time that there is an incoming call, and turns off the first light emission means and turns on the second light emission means to have the talk key lighted up when it detected an "opening"

state, wherein the control means starts a talk at the time that there is an incoming call and the housing is changed from "closing" to "opening".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Kamran Afshar whose telephone number is (571) 272-7796. The examiner can be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by the telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Eng, George** can be reached @ (571) 272-3984. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300** for all communications.

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